

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method for checking a link validity in a computer network, wherein, for the linking and referencing  
5 from one multimedia document to a different multimedia document in the computer network, desired information of the different multimedia document, such as last modified timestamp information indicative of a last modification time of the different multimedia document and latest version information  
10 of the different multimedia document, are stored in a validity check field, thereby assuring a link consistency. Therefore, a system error amount can be cost-effectively reduced for referencing to a multimedia document, and the reliability of searching and browsing can be increased.